

Table 26.
Number of applications and awards, 1960–2000

Year	Number of applications (thousands)	Number of awards (thousands)	Awards as a percentage of applications	Awards per 1,000 insured workers
1960	418.6	207.8	49.6	4.5
1965	529.3	253.5	47.9	4.7
1966	544.5	278.3	51.1	5.1
1967	573.2	301.4	52.6	5.4
1968	719.8	323.2	44.9	5.7
1969	725.2	344.7	47.5	4.9
1970	869.8	350.4	40.3	4.8
1971	923.9	415.9	45.0	5.6
1972	947.5	455.4	48.1	6.0
1973	1,067.5	491.6	46.1	6.3
1974	1,330.2	536.0	40.3	6.7
1975	1,285.3	592.0	46.1	7.1
1976	1,232.2	551.5	44.8	6.5
1977	1,235.2	568.9	46.1	6.5
1978	1,184.7	464.4	39.2	5.2
1979	1,187.8	416.7	35.1	4.4
1980	1,262.3	396.6	31.4	4.0
1981	1,161.2	351.8	30.3	3.4
1982	1,019.8	297.1	29.1	2.9
1983	1,019.3	311.5	30.6	3.0
1984	1,036.7	362.0	34.9	3.4
1985	1,066.2	377.4	35.4	3.5
1986	1,118.4	416.9	37.3	3.8
1987	1,108.9	415.8	37.5	3.7
1988	1,017.9	409.5	40.2	3.6
1989	984.9	425.6	43.2	3.7
1990	1,067.7	468.0	43.8	4.0
1991	1,208.7	536.4	44.4	4.5
1992	1,335.1	636.6	47.7	5.2
1993	1,425.8	635.2	44.6	5.2
1994	1,443.8	631.9	43.8	5.1
1995	1,338.1	645.8	48.3	5.1
1996	1,279.2	624.3	48.8	4.9
1997	1,180.2	587.4	49.8	4.5
1998	1,169.3	608.1	52.0	4.6
1999	1,200.1	620.5	51.7	4.6
2000	1,330.6	621.7	46.7	4.6

SOURCE: Office of the Chief Actuary, 1-A Table Supplement file.

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Table 27.
Allowance rates, fiscal years 1980–2000

Fiscal year	Initial level	Reconsideration level	Hearing level ^a
1980	33	15	56
1985	36	14	51
1990	39	17	63
1991	42	17	66
1992	43	17	68
1993	39	14	67
1994	34	13	67
1995	31	13	65
1996	31	13	59
1997	32	15	56
1998	35	15	53
1999	37	16	55
2000	38	16	57

SOURCES: Office of Disability, State Agency Operating Report (initial and reconsideration levels); Office of Hearings and Appeals, Case Control System (hearing level).

a. Includes cases reaching the hearing level, including those involving Social Security retirement and SSI aged issues, but not Medicare. The vast majority involve disability issues.

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Table 28.

Percentage distribution of state agency allowances at the initial level, by administrative grouping, fiscal years 1965–2000

Fiscal year	Meets listing	Equals listing	Vocational considerations
1965	52.0	32.0	16.0
1970	39.0	43.0	18.0
1975	29.4	43.9	26.7
1976	29.0	45.1	25.9
1977	34.2	41.9	23.9
1978	45.6	31.9	22.5
1979	55.1	22.7	22.1
1980	57.9	16.2	25.9
1981	63.9	12.3	23.8
1982	72.7	8.6	18.7
1983	74.0	8.3	17.7
1984	66.7	8.7	24.6
1985	62.7	9.2	28.1
1986	68.2	8.7	23.1
1987	66.0	10.2	23.8
1988	54.3	11.0	24.7
1989	62.1	11.3	26.6
1990	59.0	11.8	29.2
1991	55.9	12.4	31.7
1992	50.9	15.2	33.9
1993	51.2	15.0	33.8
1994	54.8	10.6	34.5
1995	54.5	10.0	35.5
1996	53.4	9.7	36.8
1997	53.2	9.9	36.8
1998	51.7	9.2	39.0
1999	51.5	8.9	39.6
2000	49.0	9.1	41.9

SOURCE: Office of Disability, SSA-831 Disability Decision file.

NOTE: Initial state agency determinations for Social Security disability only and concurrent claims. Does not include SSI only claims. Percentages do not reflect effects of dispositions at the reconsideration, hearing, or higher levels of appeal.

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Table 29.
Percentage distribution of state agency denials at the initial level, by reason, fiscal years 1975-2000

Fiscal year	Duration	Impairment not severe	Able to perform usual work	Able to perform other work	Engaging in SGA	Claimant failure or other ^a
1975	19.6	8.4	44.3	18.2	1.0	8.5
1976	19.9	10.8	41.9	20.1	0.4	6.9
1977	21.2	24.8	30.0	15.7	0.5	7.8
1978	21.1	31.8	25.0	14.6	0.5	7.0
1979	20.0	41.6	21.5	12.5	0.4	4.0
1980	20.6	39.0	23.7	12.7	n.a.	3.9
1981	17.5	43.2	18.7	11.3	2.0	7.4
1982	16.4	38.9	22.6	14.1	1.1	6.4
1983	16.9	39.4	22.0	14.3	1.0	6.4
1984	14.8	34.3	23.8	16.7	1.0	9.4
1985	15.4	23.3	35.4	20.3	1.1	4.5
1986	14.2	20.1	38.4	20.5	0.2	6.6
1987	15.8	18.3	38.2	21.7	1.0	5.0
1988	15.9	20.3	34.2	22.8	0.9	5.9
1989	15.7	20.7	32.7	24.9	0.4	5.7
1990	15.1	21.4	31.0	26.3	0.4	5.9
1991	13.8	20.5	30.8	28.6	0.3	6.0
1992	12.0	19.5	30.6	31.5	n.a.	6.4
1993	11.7	19.8	30.2	31.6	n.a.	6.7
1994	11.7	19.2	29.5	32.3	n.a.	7.2
1995	11.8	18.7	29.5	32.5	n.a.	7.5
1996	10.9	17.1	29.3	36.2	n.a.	6.5
1997	10.6	16.0	28.7	36.6	n.a.	8.1
1998	11.0	14.8	30.4	36.2	n.a.	7.6
1999	10.7	14.4	31.3	35.7	0.1	7.9
2000	10.6	13.6	32.1	35.3	0.2	8.2

SOURCE: Office of Disability, SSA-831 Disability Decision file.

NOTES: Initial state agency determinations for Social Security disability only and concurrent claims. Does not include SSI only claims. Percentages do not reflect effects of dispositions at the reconsideration, hearing or higher levels of appeal.

SGA = substantial gainful activity.

n.a. = not available.

a. Includes denials for failure to attend a scheduled consultative examination, failure to cooperate in submitting evidence, and failure to follow prescribed treatment.

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